

1. A method of controlling an audio alarm that indicates an occurrence of a predetermined event of a power supply, the method comprising:

programming to enable the audio alarm of the power supply during a first predetermined time period; and

5 programming to disable the audio alarm of the power supply while the power supply is still operational during a second predetermined time period.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein programming to enable the audio alarm comprises designating through computer software that the audio alarm should be enabled during a first predetermined time period.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein programming to disable the audio alarm comprises designating through computer software that the audio alarm should be disabled during a second predetermined time period.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the first predetermined time period and the second predetermined time period added together equal a twenty-four hour time period.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising programming the power supply to disable through computer software the audio alarm of the UPS when a computer system having the computer software installed thereon is powered off.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising disabling the audio alarm of the power supply when the computer system is powered off.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

providing a visual indicator; and

activating the visual indicator when the audio alarm is disabled and the predetermined event has occurred.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the computer includes a computer monitor, the method further comprising:

displaying a message on the computer monitor when the audio alarm is disabled and the predetermined event has occurred.

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

programming to enable the audio alarm of the power supply during a third predetermined time period; and

programming to disable the audio alarm of the power supply while the power supply is still operational during a fourth predetermined time period.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the power supply is an uninterruptible power supply.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

enabling the audio alarm of the power supply during the first and the second predetermined time periods if the computer enters a low-power state.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the power supply has firmware located therein, the method further comprising:

enabling and disabling the audio alarm of the power supply through the firmware of the power supply.

13. A system for controlling an audio alarm that indicates an occurrence of a predetermined event of an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) coupled to a computer, the method comprising:

means for programming to enable the audio alarm of the UPS during a first

5 predetermined time period; and

means for disabling through computer software the audio alarm of the UPS while the UPS is still operational during a second predetermined time period.

14. The system of claim 13, further comprising:

means for disabling through computer software the audio alarm of the UPS when a computer system that has the computer software installed thereon is powered off.

15. A system for controlling an audio alarm that indicates an occurrence of a predetermined event of a power supply, the system comprising:

a power supply having an alarm;

a computer system coupled to the power supply and programmed to:

- 5           enable the audio alarm of the power supply during a first predetermined time period; and

          disable the audio alarm of the power supply during a second predetermined time period.

16.   The system of claim 15, further comprising a visual indicator coupled to the power supply for indicating the occurrence of the predetermined event when the audio alarm is disabled.

17.   The system of claim 16, wherein the visual indicator is a light emitting diode.

18.   The system of claim 15, wherein the power supply is an uninterruptible power supply.

19.   An article of manufacture, comprising:

          a computer readable medium having computer readable program code for controlling an audio alarm that indicates an occurrence of a predetermined event of a power supply coupled to a computer system, the computer readable program code

- 5   including instructions for:

          causing the computer system to enable the audio alarm of the power supply during a first predetermined time period; and

causing the computer system to disable the audio alarm of the power supply while the power supply is still operational during a second predetermined time period.

20. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the computer readable program code further comprises instructions for:

causing the computer system to disable the audio alarm of the power supply when the computer system is powered off.

21. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the computer readable program code further comprises instructions for:

causing the computer system to activate a visual indicator when the audio alarm is disabled and the event has occurred.

22. The article of manufacture of claim 19, wherein the computer readable program code further comprises instructions for:

causing the computer system to display a message on the computer monitor when the audio alarm is disabled and the event has occurred.

23. A method of controlling an audio alarm for indicating an occurrence of a predetermined event of an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) coupled to a computer, the method comprising:

disabling the audio alarm when the computer is shut down or the software

5 program is closed; and

enabling the audio alarm if the computer enters a low power state.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising:

enabling and disabling the audio alarm at predetermined transition times if the computer and the software program are running and the computer is not in a low power state.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein disabling the audio alarm when the computer is shut down or the software program is closed comprises using the software program to disable the audio alarm through firmware of the power supply.

26. The method of claim 23, wherein enabling the audio alarm if the computer enters a low power state comprises using the software program to disable the audio alarm through firmware of the power supply.